

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Systems and methods for implementing content management in a network computing environment. The content management is concerned with, for example, content backup, storage, and sharing, local and remote accessibility, security, content consistency, and other network operations. The systems and method incorporate a network appliance in a local area network. The appliance communicates with the various devices in the network and, in at least some embodiments, with a remote content management service. In addition, computing devices in the local area network have installed content management software to allow the network appliance to access, copy for backup, and/or manipulate content on the computing device. The software of the network appliance communicates with the software installed on the client computers to configure itself and the network automatically or with relatively little user input.

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